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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, PFOR, CH

SUBJECT: SPECIAL PRC FLIGHTS TO US

REF: STATE 64237

1. TEXT OF PAPER GIVEN PRCLO (PARA 2 REFTTEL) ALSO INCLUDED FOLLOWING: QUOTE WE ASSUME THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE FACT THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE PRIVATE CLAIMS ISSUE, THERE EXISTS THE DANGER OF AN ATTEMPTED ATTACHMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT BY A PRIVATE AMERICAN CLAIMANT. WE ARE UNABLE TO ESTIMATE THE PROBABILITY THAT SUCH AN ATTEMPT MIGHT BE MADE. WE OF COURSE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEM WILL NOT ARISE, BUT WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THERE IS NO MEANS BY WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN PREVENT SUCH AN ATTEMPT FROM TAKING PLACE. IF AN ATTACHMENT DOES OCCUR, IT COULD RESULT, AT THE MINIMUM, IN SOME DELAY IN THE PLANE'S DEPARTURE. END

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2. PRCLO FOCUSED ON THIS PARAGRAPH. AMONG QUESTIONS ASKED WAS LIKELIHOOD OF ATTACHMENT ATTEMPT. ANSWER WAS TO REITERATE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE LIKELIHOOD, BUT SINCE PRESS ALREADY HAS STORY AND THERE WILL BE THREE FLIGHTS, PROBABILITY MAY INCREASE DURING PERIOD FLIGHTS

TAKE PLACE. BECAUSE PRCLO SEEMED TO WANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PRCM SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED CHI TO OFFER FULLER BRIEFING ON LEGAL PROCEDURES IF THERE WERE AN ATTACHMENT. AFTER CHECKING WITH ACTING CHIEF HAN HSU, OFFER WAS DECLINED. DURING THAT CONVERSATION, CHI EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT USG, AFTER APPROVING FLIGHTS, WOULD RAISE THE ATTACHMENT PROBLEM. PRCM OFFICER RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS THAN FRANK IF WE HAD NOT MENTIONED THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM. IN BOTH NSC AND PRCM CONVERSATIONS, THERE WAS SOME GIVE-AND-TAKE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THESE FLIGHTS, ON THE CLAIMS/ASSETS ISSUE AND THE GENERAL ATTACHMENT PROBLEM.

3. PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED DEPT. SPOKESMAN BUT DELETED FROM TEXT OF GUIDANCE IN SEPTTEL INCLUDES THESE Q'S AND A'S:

QUESTION: SINCE THE PRIVATE CLAIMS PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN SETTLED, ISN'T THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE WILL TRY TO TAKE SOME SORT OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THEIR AIRCRAFT?

ANSWER: I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET INTO THAT SUBJECT.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PRIVATE CLAIMS/BLOCKED ASSETS ISSUE?

ANSWER: THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL POINTS TO BE RESOLVED; WE HOPE THE MATTER WILL BE SETTLED BEFORE TOO LONG. KISSINGER

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